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Honorable John M. McHugh
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman McHugh:

This is in reply to your letter of February 17, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of several of your constituents regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice

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JOHN M. McHUGH
24TH DISTRICT, NEW YORK

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3224

February 17, 1993

Mr. Pete Belvin
Director of Congressional Affairs
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Pete:

I am writing with regard to the enclosed letters I received from several constituents concerning the Commission's proposed regulations impacting the use of frequencies currently assigned for radio-controlled model use.

Any information, comments or assistance you may be able to provide concerning this matter would be appreciated so that I may furnish my constituents with a complete report. I would also appreciate these comments and observations being included in the Commission's record for this proceeding.

Sincerely yours,



January 22, 1993

The Honorable John M. McHugh
Member U.S. House of Representatives
442 Cannon Office Bldg.
Washington D.C. 20515

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Dear Mr. McHugh:

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Honorable John McHugh
U.S. House of Reps.
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. McHugh

I have been interested in aviation for as long as I can remember. I am very active in a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

Please understand that many model airplanes have wing spans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 30 or 40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interferences causes the operator to lose control of the craft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely,

David A Eames

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The Honorable John McHugh: -

Am writing in regards to Docket 92-235
To change model frequencies in both
72 And 75 MHz BANDS. would cause
the loss of control. with some one
using Car Telephone which would be
stronger than our allowed frequencies

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February 7, 1993

Rep. John McHugh
24th Congressional District
Room 416
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Dear Rep. McHugh:

I am a hobby retailer in Plattsburgh, New York, who sells many radios, radio controlled models and related products in my store. In addition, I sell train products, plastic model kits and other related hobby products.

It has recently come to my attention that the FCC is considering an action that has the potential to destroy my business and that of thousands of other retailers nationwide like me. The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rule will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for R/C model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

The Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) in PR Docket 92-235 replaces Part 90 of the rules with a new Part 88. Part 90 allows for safe use of R/C aircraft and surface models by keeping 10 Khz spacing between fixed commercial users and frequencies used by R/C enthusiasts. The new Part 88 will allow mobile users on frequencies within 2.5 Khz of frequencies available to us, eliminating safe use of at least 31 of the 50 channels on the 72 MHz band (for R/C aircraft) and 10 of the 30 frequencies on the 75 MHz band (for R/C cars and boats) now used by hobbyists. In fact, more channels will likely be affected.

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When the operators and D/C models are used together